

REPORT, &c.

To the General Assembly of Maryland.

The trustees of the University of Maryland, beg leave to submit their annual report to the legislature.

The general condition and prospects of the institution under their charge remain the same as they have been the few preceeding years. The Infirmary under the judicious management of the committee is brought to a condition to compare with any similar establishment.

The treasurer's report accompanies this. All debts against every department of the University are fully discharged.

The trustees beg leave to invite the attention of the General Assembly to a proposition on the part of their board, for vacating the seats of members who omit to attend its meetings, as suggested in the draft of a bill which accompanies this report.

Before concluding, this occasion is availed of to remark on an intended application to the legislature, on the part of the Faculty of Physic, which regards the constitution and powers of the Board of Trustees.

After many years trial and experience of a superintending authority, which was compounded of the Professors and others, (not professors,) the General Assembly, at the session of 1825, constituted the Board of Trustees, as it present exists. The result of this mode of government has been—so far as depends on the governing power—in all respects entirely successful. The property of the state has been secured and improved; the debts of the University have been paid; enlarged facilities for education, with diminished expenses, been provided; and the funds granted by the state, been fostered and increased. In making of appointments, if the trustees have ever erred, it could not have happened from interested motives. Every Professor, except one, now in office, has been appointed in conformity with the nomination of the respective Faculties. And it would be difficult to imagine a body which, from the manner of its appointment, the nature of its duties; and its total